(b) No, Sir. Vishakhapatnam is already connected with Bastar region of Chhattisgarh through NH-43 and NH-5.

(c) Does not arise.

Roads in Rajasthan and Punjab

2515. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan and Punjab has been provided assistance by the Central Government for road constructions, repairs and maintenance;

(b) the quantum of assistance provided for the last one-year;

(c) the details of the proposals submitted by the State Government during that period; and

(d) the details of the action taken for construction of new roads, maintenance and repairs of old roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) The Ministry is essentially responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). However, assistance is also provided to State Governments/Union Territories for development of State Roads under Central Road Fund (CRF), Economic Importance (El) and Inter-State Connectivity (ISC) Schemes. The quantum of assistance provided during 2003-04 for development of NHs (road construction & maintenance) and for State roads under CRF, Economic Importance & Inter-State Connectivity Schemes are as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

	National Highways			CRF	El & ISC
	Development	Maintenance	Total		
Rajasthan	48.00	27.93	75.93	47.23	Nil
Punjab	51.00	20.09	71.09	28.66	Nil

(c) The details of proposals submitted by the State Governments during 2003-04 is given as under;—

(Rs. in crores)

	Nos.	National Hiahwavs Sanctioned cost	Nos.	Sanctioned cost	Nos.	CR Sanctioned cost	El &
Rajasthan	34	147.98	21	45.13	65	100.65	Nit
Punjab	36	80.81	11	20.96	35	86.07	Nil

(d) The details of estimates sanctioned (action taken) during 2003-04 for construction of new roads, maintenance and repairs of old roads is given as under:—

(Rs, in crores)

	Nos.	National Highways Sanctioned cost	Nos.	CRF Sanctioned cost	Nos.	El & ISC Sanctioned cost	
Rajsathan	20	58.42	14	27.26	65	100.65	Nil
Punjab	33	66.00	11	11.21	Nil	Nil	Nit

Liquor shops on National Highways

2516. SHRI V. HANUMANTHARAO:
SHRI RK. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made to remove all liquor shops from the National Highways;

(b) if so, the details of this representation received and other submissions made;

(c) whether Government have discussed this Issue with the organisation;

(d) whether any response has been given to the valuable suggestions to reduce accidents; and